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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



In New York, prices ended the week unchanged on all sizes. Trade sentiment was steady. Demand was light to moderate, occasionally fairly good where features were a factor. Supplies were adequate to available for large eggs while extra large and mediums were sufficient to close. Breaking stock offerings were tight to adequate for the fair to fairly good demand. Breaking schedules were noted as mostly normal. Spent hens were fully adequate to at times ample for the at least moderate to good demand. Processing schedules were reported as normal for next week.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MIDWEST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady. Cartoned egg sales were light to at times fairly good where feature activity was a driving factor. Food service movement was mostly light. Supplies were fully adequate to available for large and usually adequate to at times close for all other sizes.

	Range	Mostly	IA-MN-WI	Prices paid to producers.	Range	Mostly
EXTRA LARGE	36-46	37-43	LARGE	18-27	22	
LARGE	35-45	36-39	MEDIUM	6-11	9	
MEDIUM	22-32	24-27	SMALL	6-10		

MIDWEST AREA: IA,IL,IN,KY,MI,MN,OH,NE,ND,SD,WI,WV,Western NY, and Western PA

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged, however asking prices for next week's deliveries were trending unchanged on all sizes. The market tone was steady entering the weekend. Demand remained light to moderate. Supplies ranged adequate to fully adequate on large eggs, but closely balanced for the remainder of sizes. Breaking stock offerings were about adequate to adequate for the light to moderate demand. Schedules were reported as mostly normal. Spent hens were fully adequate to instances ample for the at least moderate to good demand. Processing schedules were noted as normal for the upcoming week.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	45-62	48-50
LARGE	39-53	44-48
MEDIUM	26-39	31-33

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, Eastern NJ, Eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady. Retail demand was moderate to instances fairly good, best for feature activity. Food service movement was mostly light to moderate. Supplies were fully adequate for large and adequate to close for all the other sizes. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were tight to adequate with demand fair to fairly good. Floor stocks adequate to fully adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady to instances fully steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	49.5-58	51-54
LARGE	43.5-52	45-48
MEDIUM	27.5-36	29-32

SOUTH CENTRAL AREA: AR,AZ,CO,KS,LA,MO,NM,OK, and TX

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged. Asking prices for next week's deliveries were trending unchanged on all sizes. The market tone was steady entering the weekend. Demand ranged light to mostly moderate. Supplies of large were sufficient to fully sufficient while extra large and mediums were in close balance for present needs. Breaking stock supplies were about adequate to adequate for the light to moderate demand. Light type fowl were fully adequate to at times ample for the moderate to good demand. Processing schedules were reported as normal.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	43.5-51	45-48
LARGE	42-49	43-46
MEDIUM	28.5-36	29-33

SOUTHEAST AREA: AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, Eastern TN, and Southern VA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

NEW YORK EGGS Prices ended the week unchanged on all sizes. Trade sentiment was steady entering the weekend. Demand remained light to moderate. Supplies ranged adequate to fully adequate on large, however the balance of sizes were in close balance.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	53-57
LARGE	51-55
MEDIUM	38-42

MIDWEST REGIONAL	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	43-52	45-49
LARGE	42-51	43-45
MEDIUM	29-38	32-34

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WESTERN REGIONAL Prices unchanged. The market tone was steady with asking prices for next week unchanged on all sizes throughout the region. Retailer demand fairly good. Offerings generally adequate.

CALIFORNIA Prices unchanged. The market tone was steady with asking prices for next week unchanged on all sizes. Retailer demand fairly good, best to cover features. Offerings generally adequate. Small benchmark price 44. Ads in Southern California: major- large dozen 10 for \$10, 18 pack 149; smaller outlets- extra large 20 pack 139, 2 for \$3, 3 for \$5.

CALIFORNIA California Egg Marketing Association and other marketers benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms.

	RANGE
JUMBO	97
EXTRA LARGE	90
LARGE	78
MEDIUM	64

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
JUMBO	69-86
EXTRA LARGE	67-78
LARGE	65-68
MEDIUM	51-54

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
JUMBO	249-309
EXTRA LARGE	219-289
LARGE	199-219
MEDIUM	179-189

CENTRAL REGION BREAKING STOCK Prices were unchanged. Offerings were tight to adequate with demand fair to fairly good. Floor stocks adequate to fully adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady to instances fully steady.

Prices in cents per dozen, delivered to breakers, 48 lb. minimum net weight per 30 dozen case, eggs from table egg layers. Packaging may vary.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	22-25	23-25
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	12-16	13-15
CENTRAL STATES AREA: AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI		

EASTERN REGION BREAKING STOCK Mostly prices were unchanged when compared to early week trading. The undertone was mixed but improved and at least steady. Demand increased slightly, but was still in a range of light to moderate. Supplies were about adequate to adequate for near normal processing schedules. Cases broken under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending 02-Apr-2005 were 10% higher than the previous week, and 4% more than a year ago.

Prices in cents per dozen, delivered to breakers, 48 lb. minimum net weight per 30 dozen case, eggs from table egg layers. Packaging may vary.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	21-25	22-23
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	10-16	11-14
EASTERN REGION AREA: AL,CT,DE,FL,GA,KY,ME,MD,MA,MS,NH,NJ,NY,NC,PA,RI,SC,TN,VT,VA,WV		

EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION - W/E 02-APR-05
(LBS IN THOUSANDS) (EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES	LIQUID	LIQUID	LIQUID	DRIED	INED
	BROKEN	WHOLE	WHITE	YOLK		
CW	1,356,492	30,897	14,034	7,734	3,140	4,622
PW	1,278,298	29,793	12,772	7,075	2,919	4,355
LY	1,197,986	29,072	10,845	5,875	2,283	4,178
% CHG PW	6	4	10	9	8	6
% CHG LY	13	6	29	32	38	11
2005	16,316,255	389,387	159,271	85,462	36,409	57,146
2004	15,143,237	360,702	144,290	80,416	33,061	53,178
% CHG YTD	8	8	10	6	10	7

	CURRENT	PREVIOUS	LAST
AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -	WEEK	WEEK	YEAR
(INEDIBLE INCLUDED)	42.23	42.24	41.71
(INEDIBLE EXCLUDED)	38.82	38.83	38.22

NATIONAL LIQUID Pasteurized salt yolk and whites were too few to report. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady for whole egg, about steady to steady for whites and fully steady to firm for yolk. Offerings were tight to unavailable at current quotations for whole egg, fully adequate for whites and balanced to just adequate for yolk. Demand was fairly good to good for whole egg and yolk and mostly moderate to instances good for whites. Breaking stock prices were unchanged compared to the previous week's reported prices.

Prices paid cents per lb., FOB Plant to 10:00 AM non-pasteurized trucklot. For delivery within 14 days.

CLASS	LOADS	RANGE	WTD. AVG.	CHANGE FROM LAST WEEK
WHOLE	9	19-24.5	21.22	.26
WHITES	29	16-21.5	20.05	-.52
YOLKS	13	42-44	42.58	.23

CENTRAL REGION FROZEN Frozen whole egg ranged unchanged to 1 cent lower with whites unchanged to 1 cent higher. Sugared yolk was reported as 2 cents lower while salted yolk ranged a cent lower. Trade sentiment was steady for whole egg and yolk products and barely steady for whites. Offerings were adequate to available with demand mostly quiet and somewhat disappointing. Central States breaking stock prices were unchanged when compared to the previous week's reported prices.

Wholesale selling prices (cents per lb. in 30 lb. containers)

TRUCKLOTS	RANGE	MOSTLY
WHOLE	34-37	35
WHITES	37-40	
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	52-56	54
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	49-54	50-52

EASTERN REGION FROZEN Majority prices were irregular on whites, but unchanged on balance of items when compared to the previous week's trading. Buyers interest was light to moderate. Supplies and offerings were at least adequate. Undertone was unsettled on whites, and generally steady on balance of items. Liquid and frozen eggs (ingredients included) processed under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending 02-Apr-2005 were 11% more than last week, and 9% higher than a year ago.

Wholesale selling prices (cents per lb. in 30 lb containers)

	TRUCKLOTS	(MIN. 25 CONT.)	LTL
	RANGE	MOSTLY	RANGE
WHOLE	32-40	34-39	41-45
WHOLE	32-39	34-39	41-45
BLENDS (/)	TFEWR		54-75
WHITES	34-41	35-39	42-47
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	50-55	51-55	58-63
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	48-55	50-54	55-60
(/)- Whole plus yolk plus sweetener, generally 20-32% egg solids.			

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FROZEN Prices unchanged. Southern California breaking activity for the week ending 4/2 was 11% more than the previous week. Frozen demand fair with freezer stocks ample.

Wholesale selling prices, f.o.b. shipping point (cents per lb. in 30 lb. containers)

	LTL (MIN. 25 CONT.)
	RANGE
WHOLE	40-43
WHITES	42-45
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	58-61
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	56-59

NATIONAL DRIED EGG Mostly prices were unchanged on blends, unchanged to higher on yolks, unchanged to lower on albumen and irregular on whole eggs when compared to a week earlier. Overall, demand and trading was light to moderate. Supplies were sufficient for most trade needs. The undertone was mixed, but mostly steady on yolks, about steady to steady on albumen, and unsettled on whole. Dried eggs processed under federal inspection for the week ending 02-Apr-2005 were 8% higher than the previous week, and 38% above last year. The total year to date production on dried eggs produced were 10% more than a year earlier.

Wholesale selling prices, dollars per lb., in containers, Trucklot and less-than-trucklot volumes.

WHOLE	1.29-1.55	MOSTLY 1.30-1.40
YOLKS	1.30-1.45	MOSTLY 1.35-1.40
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	2.20-2.50	MOSTLY 2.30-2.40
BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER)	1.29-1.65	MOSTLY 1.30-1.45

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR APR 01, 2005-APR 07, 2005
CURRENT LOADS 81.75 **FUTURE LOADS** 69.75 **TOTAL LOADS** 151.50

	SE		NE		MW		
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	24.00	—	25.75	27.13	27.00	—	12.00
GNR W 4	—	13.00	—	—	11.00	—	2.00
GNR BR 1	—	33.00	—	43.00	—	—	2.50
GL W J	—	—	48.00	49.00	37.83	—	4.00
GL W XL	—	—	37.88	38.56	33.05	36.00	44.50
GL W LG	—	—	32.00	33.67	28.65	—	17.50
GL W MD	—	23.50	23.00	24.06	19.97	20.50	22.00
GL W SM	25.00	28.00	23.00	25.00	—	—	4.00
NRBS - 48	—	22.00	23.25	25.35	23.33	23.86	47.25
NRBS - 39	—	—	—	—	—	15.50	2.00

	SC		NW		SW		
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	30.50	35.50	—	—	—	40.00	7.00
GL W J	—	—	—	—	—	51.33	3.00
GL W XL	32.83	37.55	—	—	—	44.42	19.00
GL W LG	30.81	39.00	—	—	—	40.06	13.75
GL W MD	25.86	26.00	30.50	31.60	28.00	31.16	16.25
GL W SM	20.00	—	—	—	22.00	25.00	2.00

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT-MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED. LOAD MOVEMENT REPRESENTS TOTAL MOVEMENT WITHIN 6 REGIONS.

LIGHT TYPE HENS

CENTS PER HEAD, GENERALLY FOR REMOVAL

WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS

(INCLUDES HANDLING, FREIGHT AND ANY OTHER CHARGES, WEIGHTS AVERAGE ABOUT 3.50 POUNDS)

EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HEN Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week ago. Demand was at least moderate to good. Offerings of spent hens were fully adequate to instances ample for current trade needs. Processing schedules were noted as normal. Trade sentiment was steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	3-13	8-11

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Salvage costs were too few to report. Demand was light for fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Finished sales were slow. Schedules were reduced. Costs of disposal were expected to remain constant.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN All prices were unchanged. Demand was good with offerings fully adequate to ample as producers remove additional spent hens due to depressed egg markets. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	0-8.5	5.5-8.5

WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN Plant schedules full. Offerings ample.

SHELL EGGS-COMBINED REGIONAL

APR 8, 2005

Average prices on sales to volume buyers, Grade A Large or better, White eggs in cartons, delivered warehouse, cents per dozen.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	49.00	46.00	32.00
SOUTHEAST	46.50	44.50	31.00
MIDWEST	40.00	37.50	25.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	52.50	46.50	30.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	47.25	43.73	29.75

Computed from simple weekly averages weighted by regional area populations.

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Trading was too few to report on heavy canners; unchanged to slightly lower on lights when compared to a week earlier. Demand was light to no better than fair for light canners; heavy canners were fair to moderate with most available being used internally. Offerings were fully adequate for light canners; generally adequate for heavy canners. Processing schedules were mostly normal. The undertone was steady to about steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
25-30 MAJORITY 26-30	TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
27-33 MAJORITY 28-31	TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION W/E 02-APR-05
(PRELIMINARY)

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
Head	1,671	1,421	3,092
Last Week	1,711	1,356	3,067
Same week yr ago	1,234	1,172	2,406
To-date/2005	19,302	17,098	36,400
To-date/2004	16,508	16,378	32,886

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
Head	404	0	404
Last Week	110	0	110
Same week yr ago	211	0	211
To-date/2005	3,864	11	3,875
To-date/2004	3,149	39	3,188

TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
Head	2,075	1,421	3,496
Last Week	1,821	1,356	3,177
Same week yr ago	1,445	1,172	2,617
To-date/2005	23,166	17,109	40,275
To-date/2004	19,657	16,417	36,074

Inspected Egg Products-U.S. & Canada Export/Import Trade**U.S. Exports to Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)**

Week Ending March 26, 2005		Year-To-Date		
TYPE	2005	2004 1/	2005 2/	2004
Liquid	311	288	2,637	1,974
Frozen	0	0	0	0
Dried	18	0	79	187
Total	329	288	2,716	2,161

U.S. Imports From Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)

Week Ending March 26, 2005		Year-To-Date		
TYPE	2005	2004 1/	2005 2/	2004
Liquid	105	38	1,925	1,122
Frozen	44	7	302	339
Dried	0	39	300	744
Total	149	84	2,527	2,205

Inspected Shell Eggs**U.S Exports To Canada, In 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary)**

Week Ending March 26, 2005		Year-To-Date		
TYPE	2005	2004 1/	2005 2/	2004
Jumbo	0	0	33	50
Extra Large	2,200	0	5,500	3,450
Large	1,970	0	12,630	11,053
Medium	810	1,590	11,835	9,870
Ungraded	3,858	4,446	7,700	19,424
Misc	0	2,190	2,263	2,190
Total	8,838	8,226	39,961	46,037

1/ Comparable Week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding.

2/ Includes revisions to previous week(s).

Data Source: Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, AISD, AID, Poultry Section
Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch.**COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS - Selected Centers
(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)**

		Frozen Eggs/LBS	Turkeys/LBS	Processed other Poultry/LBS
AM	04/04/05	3,450	101,666	49,856
AM	03/01/05	3,601	88,108	41,709
CHG		-151	13558	8147
PCT CHG		-4%	15%	20%

Based on the historical relationship of the preliminary U.S. Cold Storage holdings report of February 28, 2005 and the selected centers storage report, the expected U.S. holdings on April 1, 2005 are:

FROZEN EGGS	17 MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%
TURKEYS	446 MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%
POULTRY	753 MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT

(Receipts From Producers)

W/E 02-Apr-2005	CASES	PERCENT CHANGE FROM	
REGIONS	(IN THOUS)	PW	LY
North Atlantic	252.5	1	1
East North Central	601.4	-4	7
West North Central	289.2	-2	-6
South Atlantic	210.2	-4	-7
South Central	61.5	-13	-12
West	207.6	-18	9
Total	1622.4	-5	1
Matched Plants reporting		86	85

Areas Covered: North Atlantic (ME,VT,MA,RI,CT,NH,NY,PA,NJ,MC,DE)

East North Central (WI,IL,MI,OH,IN) West North Central (IA,MN,MO,KS,SD)

South Atlantic (SC,NC,VA,GA,FL,KY) South Central (TN,AL,AR,MS,OK)

West (CA,CO,WA,OR,UT)

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS

W/E 02-Apr-2005

Selected Consuming Centers	CW	LW	PERCENT CHANGE	
	(Thousands)		LW	LY
Atlanta	26.3	39.1	-33	-16
Boston	3.1	3.2	-3	-6
Chicago	64.2	102.0	-37	-19
Detroit	20.1	38.2	-47	-50
Kansas City	3.1	5.7	-46	-75
Los Angeles	104.5	135.9	-23	18
New Orleans	6.1	8.7	-30	-30
New York	28.2	35.7	-21	-6
St. Louis	15.7	17.2	-9	-32
San Francisco	19.2	29.6	-35	-13
Total	290.5	415.3	-30	-14
4 Week Moving Avg.	349.4			

EGG PRODUCTS**Shell Eggs Broken Up 9 Percent**

Shell eggs broken totaled 155 million dozen during February 2005, up 9 percent from February a year ago.

February 2005 contained 20 weekdays (including one holiday) and four Saturdays, the same as February 2004. February 2004 was a leap year with the 29th being a Sunday.

During calendar year 2005, shell eggs broken totaled 315 million dozen, up 9 percent from the 288 million dozen broken in 2004. Total edible liquid from eggs broken in 2005 was 408 million pounds, up 11 percent from 2004.

NEW ENGLAND WEEKLY SHELL EGG REPORT

Apr 05, 2005

Prices paid per dozen Grade A Brown eggs in cartons delivered store door.

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
MAINE	92	89	67	46
MOSTLY	-	-	-	-
NEW HAMPSHIRE	85-89	82-86	60-64	39-43
MOSTLY	87-88	84-85	62-63	41-42
RHODE ISLAND	91-95	88-92	66-70	45-49
MOSTLY	91	88	66	45
VERMONT	92-95	89-90	67-69	-
MOSTLY	92	89	67	-

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